



**THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
ANNOUNCES
THE ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR
THE FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM
2010-2011**

The United States Embassy is pleased to invite qualified candidates to participate in the annual competition for the 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program. 2 categories of grants are offered: research grants and program and curriculum development grants. The deadline for submitting application online and receipt of all supplemental documents at the Embassy is **May 31, 2009**.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Research awards are available in all academic disciplines for three to nine months for African scholars to undertake a planned program of reading and research at a U.S. academic or research institution toward production of scholarly work. Research scholars are expected to be experienced university faculty or administrators, research institute specialists, professionals or independent scholars. All applicants are expected to have a record of scholarly research productivity in their field, including peer-reviewed publications, presentations or creative works.

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Program and Curriculum Development awards are available in all academic disciplines for three to five months for African university faculty or administrators from higher education institutions to undertake a planned program of reading and research at a U.S. academic or research institution toward strengthening higher education academic programs or curriculum. Proposals should demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula or programs at the home institution. This opportunity is especially designed for scholars who have not had access to new publications and current research developments on teaching and learning in their disciplines and who want to update their knowledge and skills to improve instruction in their home country.

HIV/AIDS

Awards for African scholars are available in all academic disciplines for three to nine months for scholarly research or three to five months for program and curriculum development on HIV/AIDS-related topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be citizens of Mauritania or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by that country.
2. Applicants must not have received a Fulbright grant for study, teaching, or research in the U.S. within the last five years.
3. Preference will be given to individuals who have had no experience or only limited experience in the United States.
4. Proposals involving doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following completion of a doctoral degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
5. Proposals for clinical medical research involving physician training, patient care and contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
6. Applicants must have sufficient English proficiency to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues. TOEFL exams are not required, but Posts may choose to institute local English language testing if necessary to evaluate applicants' language skills.
7. Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.
8. Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, obtain current letters of reference, and complete the 2009-2010 application form.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS

1. Applications should be submitted online using the URL:
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/>.
2. Letters of invitation or identification of potential host colleagues or institutions may be part of an application, but they are not required. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with an alma mater. The Fulbright Program enables scholars to broaden their professional contacts as well as their understanding of the diversity of U.S. academic programs in their disciplines. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions and scholars may rely on CIES to recommend suitable placements.
3. For those applicants selected for awards, CIES will honor their preferences for U.S. university hosts as far as possible. ECA/A/E/AF will make final decisions on U.S. host institution selections in consultation with Posts and CIES.
4. Scholars must indicate the type of grant for which they are applying (research or program and curriculum development). ECA/A/E/AF and CIES will assign scholars who do not indicate a preference to the appropriate category.

If you have questions, the American Embassy in Nouakchott will host information sessions every Tuesday from 16:00 am to 17:30.